Non-admission of accident/burn victims in private hospitals

481. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many accident and burn case victims are not admitted by private hospitals fearing police harassment resulting in loss of life to the victims;

(b) if so, whether any directions have been issued to private hospitals in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Health is State subject under the Constitution of India. As such, regulation of the private hospitals comes under the purview of State Governments. In so far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, serious patients are admitted even if beds are not available.

Sale of spurious medicines

†482. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Paschimi Uttar Pradesh Mein Faila Hai Nakli Dava Mafia Ka Jaal", which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 17th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the number of cases of spurious medicines which have been detected during the last two years;

(d) the steps taken by Government to check the sale of spurious medicines; and

(e) the results thereof, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.